Draft Agenda
Seminar on developing a programme on integrated statistics in the Caribbean

in support of the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics

Integrated Business and International Statistics Programme

Castries, Saint Lucia
3-5 February 2014

Monday 3 February 2014

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:30 First Session

Opening

Brief opening statements on the need for a coherent programme oriented towards developing integrated business and international statistics within the context of a standard information management framework. Such a programme will create an environment for a timely implementation of the 2008 SNA and expand and improve its supporting statistics. The national, regional and international perspectives presented on this program will allow for a reflection for the need and benefits of creating partnerships for the efficient production of quality and timely statistics

Opening remarks:
- Saint Lucia Government Statistics Department
- UNSD
- CARICOM
- ECLAC
- ECCB
- IMF

Objectives of the Seminar
Adoption of agenda
Introduction of participants and administrative announcements
I. Linking the policy needs for an integrated business and international statistics programme in support of the implementation of 2008 SNA.

This session underlines the global, regional and national policy needs for an integrated and coherent set of statistics within a global economic environment that can provide feedback on growth, inflation, employment and domestic and cross boundary vulnerabilities. This set of statistics extends to structural business statistics, short term business statistics, national accounts and international statistics.

Presentation
- UNSD

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Second Session

II. The perspective of policy on developing an integrated statistics programme in support of the implementation in the region of 2008 SNA (continued)

Presentations
- CARICOM
- ECCB
- ECLAC
- IMF
- Jamaica
- Saint Lucia

Discussions

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

III. Overview of the various components and features of an integrated business and international statistics programme within a standardized statistical production process

This session will provide an introduction to the Guidelines on Integrated Economic Statistics. These Guidelines set out the institutional and regulatory environment perspective and the main components of the statistical production process for the efficient production of economic statistics such as standards and methods, statistical business registers, surveys and administrative sources, dissemination and communication methods. In order to operationalise these Guidelines, an overview is provided of the elements (i.e. governance and project management, business registers and frames, questionnaire design, collection, data processing, warehousing of the envisaged integrated business and international statistics programme using a standardized information management framework, i.e. the Generic Statistical Business Production Model (GSBPM).

Presentation
UNSD (Integrated economic statistics)
Statistics Canada (Integrated business and international statistics programme)

Discussions

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session

IV. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme
   – Governance and project management

   Presentation
   Statistics Canada

   Discussion

Tuesday 4 February 2014

09:00 – 10:30 First Session

V. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme
   – Business registers and frames

   This session describes the key considerations when establishing a statistical business
   register (SBR) and area frames and goes into some details of the roles of a SBR in the
   statistical production process. Secondly, it will point out the issues involved in linking
   international statistics (trade, FDI, FATS) to the business register.

   Presentation
   UNSD

   Discussions

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Second Session

VI. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme
   – Use of administrative data

   Presentation
   UNSD
   St Lucia Statistics Department – national practice
   ECCB – Banking and insurance data

   Discussions

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

VII. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme
   – Questionnaire design, collections
   Presentation
   Statistics Canada

   Discussions

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session

VIII. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme
   – Collection and data processing (editing and imputation)
   Presentation
   Statistics Canada

   Discussions

Wednesday 5 February 2014

09:00 – 10:30 First Session

IX. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme
   - Integration of structural and short term business and international statistics in
     the compilation of national accounts using the Supply and use table (90 min)

   Presentations
   IMF

   Discussions

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Second Session

X. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme
   – Integrating business and international statistics in a Supply and Use table for
     measuring trade in value added

   This session describes the basics of the Supply and Use table and Input-Output table,
   and the peculiarities of preparing an international Input-Output table for the estimation of
   trade in value added.

   Presentation
   UNSD

   Discussions
XI. The components of an integrated business and international statistics programme – Integrating business and international statistics in a tourism statistics and tourism satellite account

Presentation
UNWTO/UNSD

Discussions

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Third Session

XII. Discussion on selected issues on 2008 SNA implementation

This session will discuss specific topics and issues related to the conceptual implementation of the 2008 SNA that need to be addressed in the respective countries. The relevant conceptual issues related to the change over to the 2008 SNA will also be discussed.

Presentation
IMF

Discussions

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Fourth Session

XIII. Way forward

This session will allow for reaching a broad agreement on the actions to be taken at the national, sub-regional, regional and international level to ensure that mutually reinforcing actions will advance the formulation and implementation of a multi-year national and sub-regional programme on integrated business and international statistics in support of the 2008 SNA implementation. As a way forward, an outline of the components of a national programme on integrated business and international statistics will be presented for a self assessment at country level.

XIV. Closing